



Docket No. 1948-4293US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Menard et al.

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For : **FRICITION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE
EMPLOYING FRICITION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE
METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICITION MATERIAL AND
THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an Office Action setting a three-month response date from a Office Action dated **November 5, 2002**, the shortened statutory period for response having expired on **February 5, 2003**. Accordingly, the Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the petition and corresponding fee attached herewith. Further, if the Commissioner determines that any additional extension of time and/or fee is required, the applicant hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 13-4500, order 1948-4293US1.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Five Times Amended) A friction material designed for fitting to a device employing friction in a liquid medium, the friction material comprising
- ~~approximately 20% to 40% by weight a mat of non-woven fibres,~~
~~approximately 40% to 60% by weight a thermosetting resin which impregnates~~
said fibres, wherein the fibres have a length of at least 12 mm, and